



## Minutes of 1999 Annual Business Meeting

### Legislative Studies Section American Political Science Association Atlanta, September 3, 1999

The annual meeting of the Legislative Studies Section was held in Atlanta during the national convention of the American Political Science Association. The LSS meeting was convened on Friday, September 3 at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Wayne Francis of the University of Florida.

The session began with the presentation of three awards, the Congressional Quarterly Press Award for the best paper in legislative studies, the Carl Albert Dissertation Award for best dissertation in legislative studies, and the Richard F. Fenno Jr. Award for the best book on legislative politics.

The CQ Press award went to Sarah Binder, for her 1998 APSA paper entitled "Dynamics of Legislative Gridlock." Eric Lawrence, University of California at Riverside, made the presentation to Professor Binder on behalf of fellow committee members James King, University of Wyoming, and Valerie Sulfaro, James Madison University. In his remarks, Professor Lawrence pointed out how Binder's paper brings a fresh perspective to the study of legislative productivity and the effect of bicameralism and divided government on the capacity of legislatures to enact significant legislation. Professor Binder's paper was subsequently published in the September 1999 issue of the *American Political Science Review*.

The Carl Albert Dissertation Award was presented to Daniel J. Lipinski (Duke University) for his dissertation entitled "Shaping Perceptions of Congress through Franked Mass Mailings." The award was presented by Michael Mezey, DePaul University, on behalf of his fellow committee members David Canon, University of Wisconsin at Madison, and Gary Moncrief, Boise State University.

The Fenno prize was awarded to Keith Krehbiel, Stanford Graduate School of Business, for his book, *Pivotal Politics: A Theory of U.S. Lawmaking*, published by the University of Chicago Press. Professor David King, Harvard University, made the presentation to Professor Krehbiel on behalf of committee members Jon Bond, Texas A & M

University, and Jim Garand, Louisiana State University. In his remarks, Professor King noted the profound contribution that Professor Krehbiel's book makes to the study of legislative behavior within institutions, reflecting the interaction of individual preferences with internal rules and organization. Professor Krehbiel's book encourages legislative scholars to clarify and reassess the role of parties in influencing legislative policy outcomes. After the presentations, the minutes of the 1998 LSS business meeting were approved as printed in the January 1999 issue of the LSS newsletter.

LSS Chair Wayne Francis brought up the issue of making a subscription to *Legislative Studies Quarterly* available to APSA section members. Under this arrangement, it would be possible for an APSA member to check off an LSQ subscription as well as an LSS membership on the annual form. Subsequent discussions with APSA personnel have made it clear that such a decision would have management and policy implications for LSQ, and our association will need further discussion and clarification before a final decision can be reached.

In other business, Michael Malbin, State University of New York at Albany, reported on a congressional data base completed by several principal investigators. They seek a new home for its maintenance and accessibility.

It was also announced that the Ray Bliss Institute of Applied Politics will hold a conference on "Coping with Term Limits" in Columbus, Ohio, April 12-13, 2000.

New LSS Officers - Patricia Hurley, Texas A & M University, on behalf of the nominating committee presented the slate for new officers. Chair: John Hibbing, University of Nebraska. Secretary-Treasurer: Wendy Schiller, Brown University. Executive Council Members: Sarah Binder, George Washington University; Joseph Cooper, Johns Hopkins University; and Rick Wilson, Rice University. A motion to adopt the committee recommendation was seconded and approved.

Gratitude to the Chair - The members of the meeting extended their thanks to outgoing Chair Wayne Francis for his diligent, responsible, and creative tenure as chair of the legislative studies section.

The Chair made several appointments to the 1999-2000 Legislative Studies Section prize committees:

**CQ Press Award** - Sarah Binder, Chair, George Washington University; Samuel C. (Pat) Patterson, Ohio State University; Steve Ansolabehere, M.I.T.

**Carl Albert Dissertation Award** - Linda Fowler, Chair, Dartmouth University; Frances Lee, Case Western Reserve University; Paul Gronke, Duke University.

**Richard F. Fenno, Jr. Prize** - Keith Krehbiel, Chair, Stanford University; Christine DeGregorio, American University; Lawrence Dodd, University of Florida.

Treasurer's Report - The Chair, reporting for Secretary-Treasurer Wendy Schiller, indicated that the 1998-1999 academic year-end budget balance for LSS was \$1,116.14. Active membership is 698 members, as compared to the median membership size for all 31 APSA sections of 437.

2000 APSA LSS Program - The LSS Program Chair for the 2000 meetings is Patricia Freeman of the University of Tennessee. Proposals for the convention in Washington, DC next year must be submitted electronically by November 15. Also, next year, serving as a chair of a panel will not count against the allotment of 2 appearances on the program.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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### **1999 Award Presentations**

Fenno Prize Presentation  
Congressional Quarterly Prize Presentation

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### **New Information about LSS Annual Awards**

Richard F. Fenno Prize  
Congressional Quarterly Prize Presentation  
Carl Albert Dissertation Award